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MAYSVILLE, KY., FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1897.

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## Holiday Merchandise

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Diamonds, in all mountings;  
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Dishes and Plates, singly and in sets;  
Solid Silverware, in newest designs;  
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Watches and Jewelry, without end.  
Prices, the very lowest.

BALLENGER, Jeweler.

## WAS TOO GOOD.

The "Sprinkle Dollar" Made in  
Lewis County in 1840.

### QUEER COUNTERFEIT CASE.

Found His Ore in the Lewis County  
Hills, But the Secret Died  
With the Old Man.

### EVERYWHERE ACCEPTED.

A special from Vancuburg to The Commercial Tribune says the sending of Dan Wyatt McLeese of this county to the penitentiary by the United States District Court, for counterfeiting, has started the tongue of reminiscence to relating particulars of the most noted counterfeiting case known to the penal annals of Northeastern Kentucky, namely, that of Jacob and Nancy Sprinkle, who were indicted jointly at the October term of the Lewis County Court in 1840.

This case attracted sensational interest at the time, as there were thousands of the "Sprinkle Dollars" in circulation, and, though known to be counterfeit, nevertheless were received without question or protest in facilitating exchanges through out a broad territory.

A DOLLAR TOO GOOD.  
The "Sprinkle Dollar" occupies a unique position in the history of counterfeiting, as it was, perhaps, the only illegal dollar ever minted that was "too good."

The Sprinkle Dollar had a larger proportion of silver in it in relation to its alloy than the dollar that came through Uncle Sam's fingers.

The well known fact that the "Sprinkle Dollar" had a higher bullion value than the genuine dollar possessed helped to retain it unquestioned in the circulation of this and adjoining counties. This fact also was potent in securing Jacob Sprinkle from the legal consequences of his acts. Hundreds of people sympathized with him, and the most exacting for a long while winked at his transgressions.

THOUGHT HE WAS SAFE.  
Many people believed that as long as the Sprinkle Dollar contained the same or a greater proportion of silver than did the coin from the Government Mint he was doing no wrongful act either in law or morals. They believed that counterfeiting consisted in deceiving and cheating with a base metal resembling silver.

Jacob Sprinkle himself believed this for a long while, and was disillusioned only after a Grand Jury had indicted him.

So numerous did these dollars become, finally, that a man when receiving money from another would always examine it to see how much of it consisted of Sprinkle's Dollars. If it should all consist of Sprinkle's money it would only call forth some peculiar remark as the receiver pocketed the jingling coin.

WILLING TO HAVE A MILLION.  
To show how far the fame of the Sprinkle Dollars spread the following anecdote may suffice:  
Major Henry McDowell of this county, in 1840 took passage on a steamer at Cincinnati for St. Louis. When purchasing his ticket he pulled out the amount of the fare and handed it to the clerk. The clerk examined the money a second; then,

with a laugh, exclaimed: "Sprinkle money."

"It's all right, isn't it?" queried the Major.

"Yes, I wish I had a million dollars like 'em!"  
On the day the Grand Jury returned indictments against Sprinkle and his wife Judge Walker Reid, who then presided as Judge, pocketed a handful of the money from his pocket and said:

"I defy the United States to produce from their Mint dollars as good as these I hold in my hand!"

THE SPRINKLE HOME.  
Sprinkle lived in a cabin on a small tributary of Kinlochcreek, five miles South-east of Vancuburg. There he worked month by month out coining his money, which soon found its way into local commerce.

Now, where did he get the bullion out of which his coins were made? Could the writer answer this question he would reveal a secret that hundreds have toiled to fathom. Hundreds of picks have risen and fallen among the hills of Kinlochcreek in a fruitless endeavor to crack the bull of this secret. That his ore came from some place in the Lewis county hills Sprinkle did not hesitate to confess, but the exact location is a secret that died with him.

He frequently made the statement that he would at some time tell where his treasure was located, but after he was indicted he got angry and vowed that an ungrateful public should never persecute him and then enjoy the benefits of his discovery.

KEPT HIS SECRET.  
When the Sheriff, Larkin Lytes, and a party went out to arrest Sprinkle, after he was indicted, they found that his home consisted of two log cabins, situated a few yards from each other. They searched diligently through each house to discover the dies and other instruments necessary in his work, but found nothing. Rummaging about in the open space between the two houses, the ground suddenly gave way and the men dropped into a subterranean chamber ten feet below the surface. There, after removing much debris, the utensils used in the counterfeiting trade were discovered.

Sprinkle and his wife, Nancy, were taken to the county seat, but at once were admitted to bail. They had the sympathy of the Judge and the popular sentiment in their favor was all but universal.

At the next term of the Court, when the case was called, a death certificate from a doctor was offered showing that Sprinkle had gone to his long home. It was untrue, of course. He died in California in 1860, and with him the coveted secret that so many have toiled to fathom.

A dispatch from Hopkinsville says that Reuben Sergeant, a Negro, split his wife's head open with an axe because she had stolen his money.

T. L. Green, County Clerk, M. Oliver, Ky. boys old Eliza's and Foreign Postage and Revenue Stamps, and pays liberal prices for same. If you have any old Stamps, dating from 1800 to 1875, send them to him and get prices.

BOYS' & YOUTHS' Calf Shoes  
HIGH CUT BALLS AND BUTTONS.  
J. HENRY PECOR.

### THEY WILL MARCH.

Lewis County Citizens Will Jubilate Over a Turnpike Made Free.

The citizens along the line of the Tollesboro and Vancuburg Turnpike, now made free, are preparing for a grand celebration in honor of the event.

They will meet at Valley next Saturday and march in triumphal procession to Vancuburg.

Here they will be addressed by ex-Congressman George M. Thomas and others prominent in the peaceful crusade against tollgates.

Mr. Thomas had \$1,500 stock in this pike, being the largest holder, and this he freely gave to the county in order to make the road free for travel.

William F. Hall has qualified as Administrator of Monroe Hall, with Cornelius Flanagan as surety.

Secretary of State Finley has been called to Colorado Springs on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Reuben Sargent broke jail at Hopkinsville and going home attacked his wife with an axe, cutting off her ear.

Three children of Cornelius Hurl in Brown county, Ind., have died of diphtheria and two others are dying.

Mr. James Linerick, Mechanical Superintendent of the Street Railway, continues ill at his home in the Sixth Ward.

If you have not seen P. J. Murphy's stock of Silver Spoons and Forks "you should and at once." These goods have never been offered at such low prices.

A petition is being circulated at Versailles, asking Governor Bradley to pardon Dr. Walker Davis, who has served twelve years of a life sentence for the alleged poisoning of his father-in-law.

The "sports" pulled off another cock fight last night. Covington, Paris, Mayfield, Hixley and Higginsport were represented, Covington winning eleven out of twelve fights.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A C. and O. Employee Has His Leg Broken This Morning.

This morning about 8:30 A. B. Thomas, whose home is in Henry county, Va., met with a serious accident on the C. and O. on Front street between Market and Sutton.

He was unloading lumber from a flat car, when a heavy timber fell on him. His left leg was broken below the knee and his left scapula was badly crushed.

He is under the care of Dr. C. C. Owens, the Company's Surgeon.

### Special For Saturday.

Three dozen Oranges..... 35c.  
One dozen Lemons..... 10c.  
R. B. Lovell.

### Attention, W. A. R.

All members of Joe Heiser Post No. 19 are requested to meet tonight at 6:30 o'clock at Captain Jacob Miller's office on Second street for the transaction of important business. Comrades, please take notice and come promptly to the call.

### JOHN HELMER, Post Commander.

### Y. M. C. A. PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items That Every Man in Mayville Should Read.

The members of Friendship Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, will meet at the Hall Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Let all be present.

At Pellety, O., children under 12 years of age are not allowed on the street on account of a diphtheria epidemic. The Public Schools are closed.

Colonel George S. Fowler of The Bulletin is an ex-officio Delegate to the National Editorial Convention which will meet at Galveston February 16th.

Mr. Isaac Wilson, an aged lady of Manchester, fell from the second to the first floor of her residence, sustaining severe internal injuries that may result fatally.

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has reported favorably the bill providing for the erection of Public Buildings at Paris and Lebanon, to cost \$50,000 each.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the Mercer Circuit Court sentencing J. W. Budge to life imprisonment for the murder of William Beard, whose wife he had previously debauched.

Having an unusually large stock of Sterling Silver Spoons and Forks, and wishing to reduce this large stock, have decided to reduce the prices on them. Commencing today we will offer the best values ever offered for the money. Murphy, Jeweler.

Charles, the six year old son of Mr. R. M. Wallingford of the Sixth Ward, died yesterday at 12 o'clock. The little child had been sick about two weeks with brain trouble. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the family residence on Carmel street, services to be conducted by Rev. S. D. Dutcher. Burial at the Mayville Cemetery.



### Purely Business!

The columns of a newspaper represent a cash value. No publisher can afford to give advertising "space" free any more than a merchant can lose over his counter five gifts of dry goods or shoes. A newspaper is a legitimate business concern. Its columns are the stock in trade, and advertisements should be paid for, no matter in what part of the paper they appear.

The Continued Calls  
Upon THE LEADER for free notices have become so burdensome that we are forced to publish the following terms:

For Notices of Weddings,  
announcements, facts, or other public entertainments where a fee is charged, and for obituary notices, readmissions of respect, etc., THE LEADER will charge five cents a line, and hereafter this will be the invariable rate. This, however.

Does Not Include  
columns of Lodge meetings or Church services, which must not exceed ten lines.

### Avoidance of Disputes.

Missunderstandings are unpleasant. The rate for Business Notice in THE LEADER is 10 cents a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions. A customer orders a five line local notice in the paper. "I'll tell you when to take it out," he says to the book-keeper. But he forgets all about it. The notice runs for two months—40 lines—the bill is \$10.00. When he finds it out there is a "kick," and a controversy follows, probably by an angry letter. Now, to obviate this trouble, all notices followed by a definite agreement as to the date and the termination will be pleasant to all around.

Put all matter for publication must be handed in before 8 o'clock in the morning of each day.



If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop a note to this effect:

Mrs. T. H. Cartmel of Covington is visiting friends here.

Colonel E. A. Robinson came in yesterday from West Virginia.

Dr. C. W. Norris of New York is visiting his mother at Germantown.

Miss Eleanor Hobbs of Augusta is the guest of the Misses Edwards.

Miss Anna Coughlin was recently the guest of Mr. John Coughlin, Jr., at Augusta.

Miss Lizzie Pumphrey of Augusta is the guest of her sister, Mrs. K. P. Thompson.

Mrs. Bertha Marsh of this county is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. M. Jones, at Manchester.

Miss Lulu Warner of this county is visiting the family of J. O. Montgomery at Manchester.

Misses Lodie and Fannie Burgess have been guests of the family of Mr. A. T. Talkner near Chattanooga.

Editor Robert E. Nornstetter of Bowling Green bowled in yesterday afternoon from the high sandy region, and has been busy ever since shaking hands with many friends here.

If you have an item of news, please call up THE LEADER, Telephone 33, and send it in.

Judge Wadsworth of the Police Court was arrested yesterday by Abad Cold.

Why Cough Chenoweth's Cough Syrup guaranteed to relieve or money refunded.

A petition for a rehearing in the Scott Jackson case was filed in the Court of Appeals.

Congressman Bland has introduced a bill to give Carrollton a \$35,000 Postoffice Building.

Dawson Blackmore & Co. assigned at Cincinnati with assets of \$30,000 and liabilities of \$14,000.

Mr. Claude Black, formerly of Germantown, married Miss Fanny Fox at Covington this week.

London newspapers have changed their tune. They are now saying nice things about Secretary Lusk.

Mr. J. D. Carmack has just received a dispatch from New Richmond announcing the death of Mrs. Lydia Peck, wife of "Squire Paul Peck of near Alexandria, Ky. Deceased has suffered for a long time with dropsy, and was about 58 years of age. She was a Miss Clark and formerly resided in Mayville, where she has many relatives and friends. She was a niece of Mr. J. W. Pearce of West Second street, and leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss.

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**WE'RE FOR AMERICA! AMERICANS!**

**It's astonishing that the people who**

**call Christmas Xmas, don't naturally**

**drop into the habit of writing about**

**Cherch members as Xians.**

**The Louisville Post is all torn up**

**because Uncle Sam is about to deny**

**truly novels and advertising fakes**

**the use of the mails as second-class matter.**

**It objects, also, to the attempt of our**

**Uncle to have newspaper mail properly**

**put up in the publication office instead**

**of in the Postoffice.**

**It is startling to know that the**

**newly-elected Reporter of the Court of**

**Appeals at Frankfort "is a Republican**

**and for the free college of silver."**

**The Reporter whom he succeeds was a**

**Democrat and for the gold standard.**

**The newly-elected Reporter might have**

**been the best and most accomplished**

**plain-every-day Republican in the state,**

**but yet he never would have raked in**

**the pot unless he'd been in favor of**

**the Free-trader foolishness. Verily, it**

**looks like our highest Court has an eye**

**to politics.**

**The streets are just now in fine shape.**

**If you can't swim you can wade.**

**The National Sanitary Association will**

**hold its next annual meeting in Lexington,**

**Ky.**

**Five persons were killed by falling to**

**the bottom of a mine shaft at New Wales**

**ville, Pa.**

## **THE CAPITAL.** **Movement Toward Establishing** **a Permanent Census Service.**

**The New Minister From China Will**

**Arrive Late in March.**

**Honors for Ex-Army Officers on Certain**

**Grounds—Senator Sherman Goes to**

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## **KENTUCKY NEWS.**

**The Latest News From All Parts of the**

**Commonwealth.**

**The Gas Company Loses.**

**FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 15.—The court**

**of appeals Thursday morning affirmed**

**the judgment of the Louisville chancery**

**court, by Judge Edwards, against the**

**Louisville Gas Co. Alexander Du-**

**lany and Henry L. Smith brought the**

**suit to restrain the gas company from**

**charging meter rent. Judge Edwards**

**decided that the gas company could not**

**charge such rent. It is claimed by**

**other gas companies in town through-**

**out the state that this decision will**

**not apply to them.**

**No Nephritis Keatinge.**

**LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 15.—W. G.**

**Johnson, editor of the Standard, the**

**local colored organ here, has just re-**

**turned from Frankfort, where he went**

**to investigate the likelihood of the**

**Negroes running the Negro Chas-**

**taylor, murderer of the little colored**

**girl, Nellie Stepp. Editor Johnson de-**

**clares that it is a truth in the state-**

**ment that the Negroes are bent on**

**lynching Taylor.**

**Announce Their Candidacy.**

**NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Jan. 15.—Judge**

**T. Scott and Hon. Ben A. Crutcher**

**have announced that they want to**

**succeed themselves as circuit judge**

**and commonwealth's attorney respec-**

**tively. Hon. W. R. Smith will prob-**

**ably also be a candidate for judge. It**

**is said that the local democrats and**

**republicans will fuse and name Sena-**

**tor John Bennett for judge and Hon.**

**Robert Haggard for commonwealth's at-**

**torney.**

**One Killed and Two Injured in a Wreck.**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Jan. 15.—In a**

**rear and freight train collision on the**

**Louisville & Nashville road, at Sinks**

**reek, early Thursday morning, a**

**stockman, — Camley, of Cincinnati,**

**W. J. Kidd and Hon. Ben A. Crutcher**

**Tenn., badly injured, and Engineer**

**Coleman, of this city, suffered a broken**

**rib. Camley and Carter were riding in**

**the baggage car.**

**Five Burns Burn Capt. May's Home.**

**VAN BUREN, Ky., Jan. 15.—The home**

**of Charles May, who shot a distant**

**east of Vanceburg, was burned by an**

**incendiary while Capt. May and his**

**wife were spending the night at the**

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